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HIGH-FLYING IDEA

After Central minister praises sky bus idea to ease city's chronic traffic congestion, experts call for a reality check

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DRIVE ON

With fresh driver recruitments underway, focus shifts to curbing reckless driving across all 4 transport corporations

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As one offender turns confrontational at being stopped for riding without helmet, cops say such instances are rare among the 15,000+ traffic violations booked in a day in city

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD OVER IT

Nearly 8 lakh riders fined for not wearing helmets till May this year

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A helmet check by traffic police turned confrontational on Saturday after a person they flagged down threw a tantrum claiming political clout. The traffic police had stopped the man, who identified himself as Naveen, for not wearing a helmet. The man turned aggressive, allegedly claiming to be the president of the JD(S) party's Yeshwantpur unit, and proceeded to obstruct the traffic police from performing their duty to crack down on a violation that remains among the most common on Bengaluru's roads.

On average, Bengaluru records 15,520 traffic violations per day. Riding without a helmet accounts for a significant portion of the violations -- 11% are issued as contact challans and 56% through contactless methods by both riders and pillion riders. Up to May 31, a total of 7,92,822 riders were fined for not wearing helmets, along with 4,13,157 pillion riders.

And as this particular case shows, the traffic police have a lot on their hands, when the violator turns hostile in an attempt to prevent them from issuing a penalty.

The Jnanabharthi traffic police station inspector told BM that this was a rare occurrence. "There have been instances where people try to use their political connections or call someone in a high position, but when we explain the situation calmly, most of them accept their mistake.

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"Everyone should follow traffic rules. I don't understand why people get frustrated when we enforce the law after they've clearly violated it

— Anitha B Haddannavar, DCP West traffic

The peepal has spoken

... and it is a saga of continuing neglect, as trees grow through retaining walls of KR Puram's hanging bridge

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The state of neglect of the cable-stayed bridge at KR Puram becomes quite obvious when one finds the peepal trees growing hard and fast through its pillars. There has been a hue and cry over the condition of the bridge for more than one-and-a-half decades but the authorities concerned have failed to take measures as peepal trees keep sprouting out of the retaining walls of the bridge.

The issue has been in the spotlight since 2008 but the authorities have not found any long-lasting solution to the problem. The environmentalists blame the authorities for not only being apathetic and negligent but also only interested in knee-jerk reactions.

"We have been complaining to the authorities but nothing has been done till date. Cracks are developed on the retaining walls due to the growth of peepal trees. There are three to four well-grown peepal trees on the cable bridge. These trees may pose danger to the bridge.

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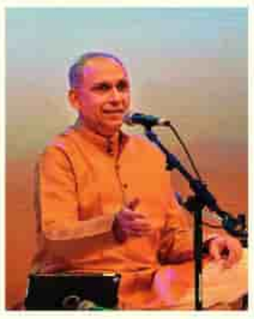
THINGS TO DO

01 Soulful voices



Pancham Nishad is presenting Bolava Vitthal, a unique musical experience that celebrates the timeless devotional tradition of Abhangs, presented by some of the country's most revered and soulful voices.
Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleshwaram;
When: June 27, 6.30 pm

02 Rhythm of life

Shubham School of Performing Arts Bengaluru is presenting a captivating multidisciplinary dance production that uses the metaphor of water to explore the stages of human existence—from birth and growth to love, loss, and ultimately, return.
Where: Medai The Stage, Koramangala;
When: June 29, 11 am

03 Mirror, mirror on the wall

The Purple Turtles is presenting 'A Festival of Mirrors', a curated showcase of sculptural, handcrafted mirrors that celebrate heritage, form, and function.
Where: The Purple Turtles, Indiranagar;
When: June 25 to July 9, 10.30 am to 8 pm

04 Craft carnival

Swadeshi Art and Craft Exhibition is bringing an exclusive sale of handlooms, handicrafts, jewellery, sarees, clothing accessories, khadi kurtas, suit pieces and home accessories.
Where: White Housse, HSR Layout;
When: June 22 to 29, 10.30 am to 9 pm

05 Musical evening

Vilen, the singer-songwriter from Delhi, is set to take the stage and mesmerise the audience with his soulful music.
Where: Ignite Super Club, HSR Layout;
When: June 27, 7 pm

Development plans at BU draws flak from experts

New structure threatens university's green cover, vertical construction on existing buildings must be considered to include new facilities, say activists

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A public notice by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to construct a new structure at the Bangalore University (BU) campus has met with strong opposition from city-based tree experts and environmentalists.

Experts say they are concerned about the potential loss of more than 400 trees in one of the varsity's Biopark Reserves. The notice was in response to an application by the varsity for the removal of 419 trees on the campus to make way for a new academic block and research block under the PM-USHA scheme.

Experts argue that the development threatens the university's green cover, which was meticulously developed by environmentalists over the years. They express concern about the ongoing trend of reducing green spaces in Bengaluru for new buildings.

"Past initiatives, such as the proposed yoga institute and the sky deck, were abandoned, raising questions about the feasibility and rationale behind the development plans. I am completely against this project. Alternatives within the campus should be explored to ensure sustainable development practices that preserve the existing green cover," said Dattatreya Devare, Trustee of Bangalore Environment Trust and a city-based environmentalist.

Notably, Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar B Khandre recently instructed the Additional Chief Secretary of the Department of Forestry, Ecology and Environment to submit a proposal for declaring the campus a heritage site under the Biological Diversity Act (BDA), 2002. Khandre had said that the step is being taken after various proposed development activities were declared in the recent past, posing a threat to the campus biodiversity.

"The Minister has clearly instructed CS to submit a proposal. Such ad-hoc projects without due consideration to green cover can be stopped only when the campus is declared a heritage site," said Vijay Nishant, a member of Bengaluru's Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC).

The objections raised by the experts have yet again underscored the tension between urban expansion and environmental conservation in the city, which experts claim is grappling with maintaining its green heritage amidst rapid growth.

According to Dr TJ Renuka Prasad, a retired professor at BU, the trees proposed to be felled are part of one of the four Biopark Reserves on the campus.

"The trees are standing near the Register Evaluation building, a forest area that was denotified without a gazette notification. The remnants of this forest land, identified as Biopark Reserve 1 to 4, are documented on Bangalore University's website as well," said Dr Prasad, adding that the city is facing significant health issues due to the drastic loss of green cover over the past few decades. "Given the situation, the varsity should model sustainable development by utilising existing structures for the new project," said Dr Prasad.

Notably, the Karnataka High Court, in 2022, took up a suo motu case based on a land encroachment report of BU by Dr Prasad. The report highlighted that 242 acres of land on the BU campus are under encroachment. However, after ground inspection, the university acknowledged encroachment on 75 acres.

"The registrar of the varsity, a KAS officer, has the authority to vacate encroachments, potentially freeing up at least 75 acres, when this project requires only 6 acres of land," added Dr Prasad.

Experts also advocate vertical construction on existing large buildings on the campus, which can accommodate new facilities without disturbing the forest areas. A recent submission to the university highlighted that the campus has as many as 29 buildings with rooftop areas exceeding 1,000 square metres, including some structures with rooftop areas ranging between 3,000 and 8,000 square metres.

The project requires felling of over 400 trees on BU campus

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> –Dr TJ Renuka Prasad, retired BU professor

B'luru enters World Book of Records for yoga tribute

A historic milestone was achieved in Bengaluru as the World Book of Records – London awarded a Certificate of Excellence to Sahaja Yoga for organising the world's largest musical and meditation tribute to the Indian Armed Forces. The event brought together over 200 artistes from 20 countries, performing on more than 100 musical instruments, in a rare fusion of yoga, music, and meditation.

Held at Tripuravasini, Palace Grounds, the programme marked both International Yoga Day and World Music Day. It was hosted by Life Eternal Trust Bengaluru in collaboration with Samarthanam Trust. Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister for AYUSH, virtually inaugurated the programme. In his address, he emphasised yoga's contribution to physical and mental discipline, and its role in shaping India's international image.

A segment titled 'Vande Mataram' served as the focal point of the event. The performance, which included music along with Bharatanatyam, was presented as a tribute to the Indian Armed Forces, and is under consideration for official entry into the World Book of Records.

Dr Manoj Kumar, Chairman of Life Eternal Trust, stated that the event aimed to encourage self-realisation through Sahaja Yoga, and to create a space for collective spiritual engagement. **–BMB**

IISc to join forces with Tuft University

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Tufts University in the United States to foster academic and research collaborations, specifically in the area of nutrition science and medicine.

The agreement, signed on June 23, establishes a framework for the development of a range of possible initiatives jointly pursued by the two institutions.

Foremost amongst the collaborations envisioned is the creation of a centre of excellence focused on nutrition science and medicine. To be housed at IISc, the proposed centre will be known as the Interdisciplinary Centre for Nutrition Science and Medicine (ICNSM).

The centre will initiate research across categories (basic, applied, clinical, and translational) occurring at both the Gerald J and Dorothy R Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University and IISc.

In addition, Tufts and IISc see opportunities to collaborate through the centre on large-scale nutritional intervention studies. The centre also anticipates the co-development of nutrition-specific competencies for physicians and scholars who are trained at IISc. The centre also plans to establish a joint PhD supervision programme and a tele-nutrition system. **–BMB**

BCU launches Russian language hub

Bengaluru City University (BCU) inaugurated its Russian Language Centre at the New Academic Block, marking a significant step in foreign language education and Indo-Russian cultural exchange.

The event also commemorated 40 years of the Centre for Global Languages and featured the Kuvempu–Pushkin Literary Fest. Prof Ramesh, Registrar (Evaluation and Administration), inaugurated the centre and highlighted the growing importance of learning Russian for academic advancement, cultural awareness, and stronger trade relations. Dr ES Remizova, Director of the Russian House in New Delhi, noted that this is South India's only Russian Language Centre and emphasized its role in fostering deeper Indo-Russian ties through events and exchanges. **BMB**

Jnanabharathi campus goes plastic-free

In a bid to promote environmental responsibility and curb plastic pollution, Bangalore University, in collaboration with a private company, has launched a campaign to make the Jnanabharathi campus plastic-free. As part of the initiative, dustbins for plastic waste segregation will be placed across academic blocks,

administrative buildings, and hostels. Bisleri will oversee the collection and recycling of seven types of plastic waste generated on campus. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the university and Bisleri to conduct regular awareness drives, training sessions, and cleanliness campaigns. The effort aims to educate students and staff and make the campus a sustainability model. **BMB**

BCU finally resolves decade-long marks card crisis for thousands

In a significant development, Bengaluru City University (BCU) has finally addressed a persistent issue that has plagued thousands of students for over a decade — the non-issuance of marks cards due to missing internal or practical assessment marks.

Despite successfully completing undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, many students were unable to receive their marks cards because affiliated colleges failed to submit internal or practical marks to the university.

The issue, which impacted students from academic years 2010 to 2025, has now been resolved following a crucial decision by the university's syndicate.

To tackle the backlog, the university will now calculate average internal marks based on a student's performance in the previous and subsequent two semesters. These averages will be officially recorded and printed on marks cards. The move is expected to bring immediate relief to thousands who were unable to pursue higher education or employment due to incomplete academic documentation.

BCU, which oversees over 250 affiliated colleges—including B.Ed. institutions—registers more than one lakh new admissions each year. The problem stemmed from repeated failures by several colleges, particularly private institutions, to submit internal assessment marks, despite numerous reminders. There were also complaints that some colleges demanded extra fees from students to upload these marks.

"This long-standing issue has caused immense distress. Even after repeated notices, some principals did not act responsibly. Thousands of marks cards remained unprinted due to non-submission of internal assessment marks," said Dr C Srinivas, Registrar (Evaluation), BCU.

A special committee was formed to investigate the issue, and the syndicate unanimously approved its recommendations. With the Vice-Chancellor's approval, the Registrar (Evaluation) has now been authorized to lead the marks card printing process.

Students had been visiting the university's examination section for years, hoping to receive their pending documents.

Many, even after a decade, were left without valid academic proof. The university has acknowledged the emotional and academic consequences of the delay and pledged to prevent such lapses in future. **BMB**

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If buses could fly: Hi-fi idea to fix traffic woes back on table

While Centre drops hint at reviving sky bus plan with enthusiasm, experts remain skeptical, citing past failures, feasibility gaps, and need for better coordination

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The long-discussed idea of a 'flying bus' in Bengaluru may finally be gaining momentum. Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari revealed that the Central Government is actively evaluating proposals to introduce advanced transport systems — including the much-talked-about sky bus — to help ease the city's persistent traffic congestion.

In an interview with The Print, Gadkari said Bengaluru presents a "very complicated" case when it comes to traffic management, largely due to limited availability of land for infrastructure expansion. To address this, the Centre is exploring alternative technologies such as underground tunnels, ropeways, cable cars, and sky buses. "We are officially working on it," said the minister. "Our target is to resolve the traffic congestion in Bengaluru. The Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister have requested us to take steps. We are looking at various modern mass transport solutions." Among the broader infrastructure plans, Gadkari also confirmed that the Bengaluru Ring Road Project — worth 17,000 crore — is scheduled to be completed by December 2025, along with the Bengaluru-Chennai Expressway.

While he did not specify a timeline for the sky bus, Gadkari reiterated that multiple advanced mobility solutions are under review and that Bengaluru is a high priority. "I have tremendous respect for Bengaluru, as it is the IT capital of India," he said. If implemented, the sky bus project could offer a game-changing solution to the city's gridlocked roads, providing elevated, rapid mass transit without the need for major land acquisition.

Bengaluru's traffic chaos and space crunch demand bold, innovative mobility solutions

> **"If Bengaluru truly wants to adopt innovations like a sky bus, it must start with pilot corridors backed by solid techno-economic feasibility studies**
>
> –Sandhya Kumar, urban transport expert

However, experts are sceptical about grand announcements. Bharat B, a traffic expert said, introducing a sky bus or similar elevated transport system in Bengaluru sounds futuristic, but the feasibility depends on ground realities. The city's chronic traffic congestion, unplanned urban growth, and space constraints certainly demand out-of-the-box mobility solutions. However, the problem has never been the lack of ideas — it's been the lack of continuity, execution, and coordination across departments. Take for instance the pod taxi project once announced by the Karnataka government; despite initial fanfare, it failed to move beyond the concept stage due to regulatory hurdles, funding gaps, and a lack of integrated planning."

Sandhya Kumar, an urban transport expert added, "If Bengaluru truly wants to adopt innovations like a sky bus, it must start with pilot corridors backed by solid techno-economic feasibility studies. Integrating such systems into the existing transport network — Metro, BMTC, suburban rail — is crucial to avoid isolated infrastructure. Land acquisition and Right of Way remain major challenges, especially in a city with limited urban space and high density.

Moreover, we need institutional stability. Projects like these require 5–10 years to mature; frequent policy shifts with changing governments derail progress. The city should consider setting up a Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (UMTA) with statutory powers to coordinate all stakeholders. Public-Private Partnerships can help mobilise funds, but investor confidence will only come with clear timelines, risk-sharing frameworks, and political consistency. Sky buses and cable cars are technically feasible — but without institutional discipline, they risk becoming another addition to city's long list of unfulfilled urban mobility dreams."

Ulsoor temple land dispute: BBMP silent again

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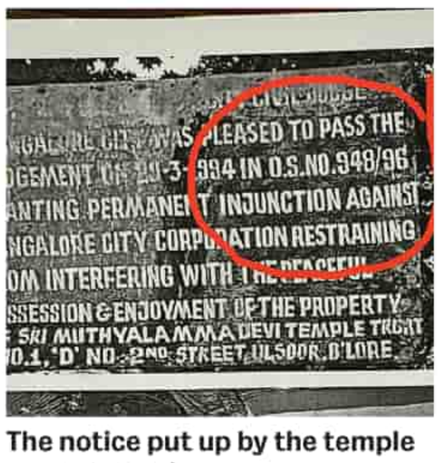
It seems the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities are not interested either to reclaim the land worth crores of rupees or clear the doubts over the ownership of the land. A resident of Ulsoor has been running pillar to post for more than a decade appealing the BBMP authorities to take over its land that is allegedly encroached by Sri Muthyalamma Devi Temple Trust.

According to BR Chandran, the complainant, the members of Sri Muthyalamma Devi Temple Trust have evicted a public library situated on the disputed land and occupied the structure claiming it as the temple's property. "The structure was used as a public library during my school days. Later, the temple management claimed it as the temple's property and made the library to relocate at another location in Ulsoor. The official document issued by the Survey Department claims it as the BBMP property," said BR Chandran.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The notice put up by the temple management

The documents available with Bangalore Mirror claim the property belongs to the City Corporation. The extract from the Property Register Card, issued by the Survey Department, claims the land (Survey No. 2628, measuring 609.4 sq ft) belongs to the City Corporation.

The Deputy Director, Central Library wrote a letter to the then Ulsoor ward corporator Udayashankar on November 22, 2014, the structure was being used as a library for more than 25 years. "The members of Sri Muthyalamma Devi Temple Trust have been pressurising to vacate the building as they wanted to renovate the temple premises. I request you to provide a suitable place for relocating the public library," the letter read.

> **"The building was a public library during my school days. Later, the temple trust claimed it as theirs and forced its relocation, though Survey Department documents show it belongs to BBMP**
>
> –BR Chandran, complainant

The temple management has put up a notice stating that a civil court has granted a permanent injunction against the Bangalore City Corporation on March 29, 1994. The OS No. according to the notice board is 948/96. "How come the case with OS No. 948/96 will be heard on March 29, 1994 and a permanent injunction is granted. I have applied for a certified copy of OS No. 948/96 from the City Civil Court. As per the certified copy, the OS 948/96 is between a resident of Cambridge Layout and a private company," Chandran claims.

When contacted, Mani Seenappa, president, Sri Muthyalamma Devi Temple Trust, said that the structure belongs to the temple. "We have asked the department of libraries to vacate the building as they failed to pay the rent," said Mani Seenappa.

Expressing the similar opinion, Nagaraj Muniswamy, Treasurer of Sri Muthyalamma Devi Temple Trust, said that the building belongs to the temple.

However, BBMP Revenue Officer and Assistant Revenue Officer were not available for comment. Will BBMP clarify ownership of the structure? Activists and temple trust members must now wait and watch.

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Edgy ride
Yelahanka

At Yelahanka Police Station signal — a designated 'Zero Tolerance' zone — a mini truck overcrowded with labourers weaved through traffic, raising serious concerns over unchecked, unsafe transport practices.

Something fishy
Sarakki Lake

At the entrance of Sarakki Lake Park, fish continues to be chopped and sold in unhygienic conditions, despite repeated complaints from park visitors. While vegetable vendors were asked to relocate, the unsanitary fish vending has inexplicably been allowed to continue.

Encroachment mess
Old Madras Road

Illegal encroachments under the Tin Factory Overbridge on Old Madras Road remain a civic eyesore. BBMP's continued inaction raises concerns about enforcement and the city's image.

DC serves B Dayananda notice in RCB case

In a continued probe into the stampede incident during the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) victory celebration, Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner Jagadeesha G has issued a fresh notice to former City Police Commissioner B Dayananda, who was earlier suspended for dereliction of duty in the case.

The magisterial inquiry, led by the DC, has so far questioned over 40 police personnel, including senior officers of DCP and ACP rank who were deployed for crowd control and security at the event. Officials were first asked to explain their roles and actions before their formal statements were recorded.

Victims, accused individuals, and the families of those who died in the incident have also been summoned by the committee. This is the second notice sent to Dayananda, who reportedly sought more time citing personal reasons.

Meanwhile, a parallel judicial inquiry is underway, headed by retired High Court judge John Michael D'Cunha, appointed as a one-man commission to investigate the tragedy.

—BMB

Senior advocate to assist in stampede case

The Karnataka High Court appointed senior advocate S Susheela on June 23 as amicus curiae to assist in a suo-motu petition concerning the stampede outside Chinnaswamy stadium during celebrations of Royal Challenger Bengaluru's (RCB) 2025 IPL final victory.

Acting Chief Justice V Kameswar Rao and Justice CM Joshi, whilst delivering their order, stated, "Pursuant to the last order, Sr Counsel for KSCA and DNA are present, they seek time to file their replies to the petition. Given the fact that this court had taken suo-motu cognisance of the incident we deem it appropriate to appoint an amicus and we accordingly appoint Sr Adv S Susheela to assist the court. Registry is directed to furnish petition along with

documents and status report submitted by state".

The High Court had previously issued notice to additional respondent parties–Karnataka State Cricket Association, Royal Challengers Sports Private Limited (RCSPL), which oversees RCB IPL team, and DNA Entertainment Ltd.

The court acknowledged the presence of newly added respondent parties during the proceedings. The court verbally indicated its intention to hear the parties regarding permission for status report submission under sealed cover, alongside announcing the appointment of amicus curiae.

Advocate General Shashi Kiran Shetty, representing the state, noted, "We understand that unless the status reports are provided they will not be able to assist."

The bench subsequently instructed the amicus, "Just look into it and you can file statement of objection or note you can file it".

The next hearing is scheduled for July 1.

—BMB

Reckless bus drivers under scanner amidst new hires

Any driver part of state bus services caught flouting safety norms or driving irresponsibly will be dismissed without second chance, says Transport Department official

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With fresh driver recruitments underway, the Transport Department has now shifted its focus to curbing reckless driving across all four state-run transport corporations — Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC), and Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KKRTC).

Issuing a stern warning, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy stated that any driver caught operating buses carelessly or without proper authorisation will be immediately dismissed from service.

The move follows a worrying rise in road accidents involving government buses, with many resulting in serious injuries and even fatalities. While a few of these accidents were due to technical faults, the majority have been pinned on driver negligence.

In Bengaluru, accidents involving state-run buses remain a major concern despite a slight drop in overall cases. As of early 2024, BMTC reported 166 accidents, a drop from 207 in 2022–23, but still continues to witness around 35–40 fatal and up to 200 non-fatal incidents annually. KSRTC continues to record high numbers, with nearly one accident reported per day across the state. Most of these incidents are attributed to driver negligence, underscoring the Transport Department's crackdown on repeat offenders.

Immediate dismissal for repeat offenders

The minister has ordered strict monitoring of driver conduct across all fleets. A list of repeat offenders has already been prepared, and any driver accused of reckless driving more than twice will be removed from duty without hesitation.

A senior Transport Department official said, "Any driver, whether permanent or on contract, who is caught flouting safety norms or driving irresponsibly will be dismissed without a second chance. There will be zero tolerance going forward."

The crackdown applies equally to permanent and contract staff. BMTC, which currently hires drivers through three private agencies, has been directed to remove any contract driver with a proven record of reckless behaviour, especially those with repeat complaints.

Reddy stated that while drivers employed by the transport corporation fall directly under the department's authority, private drivers do not. However, if private drivers are found driving negligently, they will be issued a notice, penalised, and a request for their removal will be submitted. He further added that younger drivers are more frequently found engaging in rash and negligent driving, often attempting to overtake vehicles recklessly.

A list of repeat offenders has already been prepared, and any driver accused of reckless driving more than twice will be removed from duty

Both permanent and outsourced drivers will now face close surveillance. New guidelines are in place to ensure unfit drivers are not allowed behind the wheel. Any fresh violations will result in swift, strict disciplinary action.

CRIME FILES

Security guard bludgeoned to death in drunken brawl

A 70-year-old security guard was brutally killed by his colleague during a drunken altercation at a farmhouse in Thalaghattapura on Sunday afternoon.

The victim, identified as Jailal, a native of Nepal, had been working at the farmhouse for the past year. According to police, Jailal and the 28-year-old accused, also employed at the same farmhouse, were heavily drunk when a trivial argument spiralled into violence.

In a fit of rage, the accused allegedly picked up a metal pan and struck Jailal on the head. The elderly man suffered severe injuries and died on the spot.

Police have since tracked down the accused and taken him into custody. BMB

Techie killed in hit-and-run on Kalyan Nagar Ring Road

A 25-year-old software engineer lost his life in a tragic hit-and-run incident on Kalyan Nagar Ring Road late Sunday evening.

The victim, Salaguna Pradeep, originally from Andhra Pradesh, was working with a tech firm in the city and staying in a rented house in Kalkere. He was on his way home on his motorcycle when an unidentified vehicle rammed into him and sped off.

The Banaswadi traffic police have registered a case and are scanning CCTV footage to trace the vehicle involved. BMB

Police on the hunt for man who blackmailed bizman

The Central Cyber Crime Police are on the lookout for an unidentified man who allegedly blackmailed a Delhi-based businessman by uploading morphed nude pictures of his daughter on a dating website.

According to the complainant, the accused contacted him using three different mobile numbers, details of which have been shared with the police. During the calls, the accused claimed that morphed nude photos of his daughter had been uploaded on a dating site, and even shared the link as proof.

The incident came to light after the businessman filed a complaint on Saturday, following which an FIR was registered. The Central Cyber Crime team is analysing call records and digital trails to track down the accused. BMB

Private vehicle use warning casts shadow on gig workers' path

Centre's warning on heels of bike taxi ban in state sparks concerns though Minister has clarified restrictions won't impact deliveries

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Thousands of delivery executives rely on their personal two-wheelers for daily income in the state

Following the Karnataka government's ban on bike taxis, uncertainty now looms over the use of private two-wheelers by gig workers employed with e-commerce and quick-commerce platforms.

On June 10, the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways raised red flags over the use of private vehicles for commercial purposes by gig workers. Citing mounting concerns around traffic violations, public safety, and increasing urban congestion, the ministry urged state governments and union territories to take timely and strict measures to address the issue.

The ministry also highlighted a rise in complaints regarding insurance lapses, tax evasion, and lack of proper vehicle registration. These developments have sparked anxiety among gig workers and delivery platforms operating in Karnataka, where a ban on bike taxis is already being enforced.

> **Our restriction is only on using bikes to carry passengers. There is no ban on delivery of food or goods via platforms**
> –Ramalinga Reddy Transport Minister

Many fear that the Centre's advisory could lead to the reclassification of private two-wheelers used for deliveries as commercial vehicles. If this happens, it could mandate commercial registration, higher taxes, and penalties for non-compliance—posing a major challenge to both workers and platforms. Companies operating in the quick-commerce space say such a move could severely impact delivery efficiency, operational costs, and customer experience.

The potential for stricter enforcement is especially concerning in Karnataka, a state with a large gig workforce. Thousands of delivery executives rely on their personal two-wheelers for daily income, often covering long distances to meet demanding delivery schedules. Industry leaders warn that increased regulation could stifle investment, stall the startup ecosystem, and hit the earning potential of youth engaged in flexible gig jobs.

In response to the growing concerns, Karnataka Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy clarified: "Our restriction is only on using bikes to carry passengers. There is no ban on delivery of food or goods via platforms like Zomato and Swiggy."

Despite this assurance, gig workers are seeking formal guidelines from the state government to secure their livelihoods and ensure clarity going forward.

BBMP told to submit report on potholes

The Karnataka High Court issued directives to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to submit an affidavit detailing its annual procedures for addressing pothole issues and maintaining road conditions for safe pedestrian and vehicular movement.

A division bench comprising Acting Chief Justice V M Kameshwar Rao and Justice C M Joshi granted BBMP's counsel a week's time to file a compliance affidavit regarding an earlier order dated September 21, 2024. That order had pointed out that previous BBMP reports failed to reflect updated actions on pothole repairs and road maintenance. The court directed that the new affidavit must outline mechanisms followed by BBMP each year, including during monsoons.

It also asked BBMP to detail compensation disbursed to victims of pothole-related accidents, and whether a system is in place for such payments.

During the hearing, the petitioner's counsel observed that despite the court's monitoring since 2015, progress has been minimal. When asked to identify critical areas, the counsel replied, "All areas are critical, milords."

The ongoing petition, filed by Vijayan Menon, also seeks the removal of encroachments on stormwater drains.

Vibhutipura Lake transformed: STP, toilets, clean water

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BBMP installs sewage treatment plant at Vibhutipura Lake after long delay

Hundreds of people have been visiting Vibhutipura Lake for a walk in the morning and evening. Once, they used to curse themselves for visiting the lake due to the unhygienic atmosphere at the waterbody which used to hit the headlines for wrong reasons. Now, the residents who visit the lake for a walk are happy with the amenities.

Vibhutipura Lake, once bone dry despite Bengaluru's regular rainfall, has undergone a notable transformation in recent months. With the pending infrastructure works now completed—including the much-awaited sewage treatment plant (STP)—residents have expressed satisfaction at the improvement in cleanliness and facilities.

"There was a considerable delay in inaugurating the STP. With it now operational, there will be no shortage of clean water in the lake. I want the authorities to ensure the plant functions smoothly without any hassles," said Shiva Prasad, a resident of Ramesh Nagar.

Michael Stephen, a regular visitor for the past six months, said the lake is now well-maintained and much more pleasant to walk around.

It wasn't always this way. Just nine months ago, the lake was in a deplorable condition, despite its earlier rejuvenation. A report by Bangalore Mirror, published on September 10, 2024, titled 'Rejuvenated Lake foams up with new problems', highlighted the presence of silt and plastic waste in the waterbody. Even a visit by the Karnataka Lokayukta in August 2024 didn't prompt immediate action.

Now, however, the transformation is evident. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Lakes Department has taken several measures to restore the lake's health. Among them is the installation of floating islands aimed at reducing pollution and improving water quality.

The BBMP has also renovated four toilets on the west side of the lake, which had been in a dilapidated condition for years.

"I want to thank the authorities for renovating the toilets. It will be a great help, especially for senior citizens. I urge them to open the toilets soon and deploy staff to maintain them regularly," said Prabhakar Shetty, a local resident.

> **With the STP inaugurated, there will be no shortage of water. I want authorities to ensure the STP functions without any hassles**
> –Shiva Prasad, Ramesh Nagar resident

BBMP Executive Engineer (Lakes) Nithya confirmed that all pending work has been completed and said that fencing around the lake will be taken up soon. "We will send a proposal for fence work to the higher authorities. Once BBMP allocates funds, work will begin. The toilets will also be opened once BESCOM provides electricity to enable water supply," she added.

Residents now hope that the current momentum will continue and that the lake remains a clean and welcoming space for the community.

Segregation is a no-show in K'taka

State lags behind with just 32.88% of solid waste segregated of which less than 50% processed

Karnataka is lagging in municipal solid waste segregation and processing, a report by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) has highlighted.

INFOCUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

According to the report, Karnataka is segregating 32.88% of its total municipal solid waste but processing less than 50% of this amount.

While the state generates 5,210.16 tonne per day (TPD) of wet organic waste per day, its total Bio-CNG potential stands at 147 TPD.

However, Karnataka lags behind many other states in the country in waste segregation and processing, which hampers its potential to produce Bio-CNG. Andhra Pradesh segregates the highest proportion of its total municipal waste (78.29%) in the country, followed by Odisha (73.59%) and Maharashtra (67.76%).

As per the report, the existing waste management infrastructure cannot effectively handle this volume, resulting in various environmental and health challenges. Traditional waste disposal methods, such as open dumping, dominate the waste management landscape and are linked to severe environmental impacts, including greenhouse gas emissions. Dumpsites produce significant methane, a potent greenhouse gas with a global warming potential 28 to 36 times that of carbon dioxide over 100 years.

Experts say biodegradable waste should be used to fuel municipal collection and vehicles. Cities and municipalities such as Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike have the potential to generate Bio-CNG from biodegradable waste and use it to power their collection and transportation fleets. This method not only effectively manages large quantities of waste but also ensures optimal utilisation of the resulting fuel.

However, effective segregation is important for the success of any waste processing technology, especially so for Bio-CNG, which requires over 90 per cent segregation of municipal organic waste.

"Segregation of waste at source remains a challenge. Despite various government initiatives and awareness campaigns, only a small fraction of urban households practice effective waste segregation. The lack of proper segregation becomes a key hindrance in putting into operation pathways such as the use of Bio-CNG in sustainable waste management," noted the report.

India scenario

Organic waste constitutes 40-60% of the total municipal solid waste generated in India, and thus, there is a huge potential for producing Bio-CNG, reports underscore. But the production, use, and efficiency of Bio-CNG are dependent on effective segregation of waste, which remains low in India. While composting dominates the sector, Biomethanation is underutilised. Of the 1,18,612 TPD capacity for organic waste processing in the country, only 4,360 is for biomethanation. —BMB

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Aishwarya Gowda case: Assets worth ₹3.98 crore attached

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru Zonal Office, has provisionally attached assets worth around ₹3.98 crore under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with a money laundering case involving Aishwarya Gowda and others. The attached assets include immovable properties such as flats, buildings, and land worth ₹2.01 crore, and movable assets comprising cash and a vehicle valued at ₹1.97 crore.

The ED launched an investigation based on multiple FIRs filed across various police stations in Karnataka. The complaints allege that Aishwarya Gowda, along with her husband Harish KN and associates, conspired to defraud numerous individuals. They reportedly collected gold, cash, and bank transfers by promising high returns, but neither returned the funds nor delivered on their promises. Victims were allegedly threatened with dire consequences if they pursued the matter, with Aishwarya Gowda reportedly claiming political connections. BMB

Searches in FEMA violation case against NRI businessman

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru Zonal Office, conducted search and seizure operations under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999, on Friday, in connection with a case involving NRI businessman Mohammed Iqbal and others. The searches were carried out at three premises located in Udupi and Shivamogga.

During the operations, ED officials seized various incriminating documents and digital devices suspected to be linked to FEMA violations. The investigation revealed that Mohammed Iqbal, a Doha-based businessman engaged in the manpower services sector, had transferred around ₹70 crore over years from five of his business entities based in Doha to his NRE/NRO bank accounts in India. The ED found that these funds were later used in ways that violated FEMA provisions. According to the ED, incriminating documents found during the search indicate the funds were subsequently used in violation of FEMA provisions like loans given to resident companies, investment in residents proprietorship concerns and firms indulged in real estate business, purchase of agriculture lands and advances to persons for buying land to develop plots etc. BMB

INBRIEF

Online horse race betting racket busted

The Seshadripuram police, acting on a tip-off, busted an illegal online horse race betting racket operating without a licence on the footpath near Nehru Sports Club, under Seshadripuram police station limits. The operation was conducted on Saturday evening, under the supervision of CCB Special Inquiry officials.

The complainant, MJ Dayananda, accompanied by his staff, reported that two individuals were engaged in online horse race betting activities. Following this, permission was obtained from the 1st ACJM Court to raid the premises. Two accused Anand (31), a resident of Basaveshwar Nagar, and Vijay (31), from Vijayanagar were apprehended during the operation. Police seized ₹2,05,500 in cash, a Vivo V29 mobile phone, a Samsung phone, and seven other mobile phones used in the illegal betting operation.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the accused were part of an online gambling group managed by individuals identified as Abhi and Nisad. BMB

Actor lodges complaint against director

Actor Shabarish Shetty has filed an official complaint with the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce against acclaimed director Nandakishore, accusing him of cheating and financial misconduct. Shetty alleges that he was duped out of ₹22 lakh under the pretext of securing a role in a film project that never took off.

According to Shetty, the director had promised him a role in an upcoming movie and took the money after they met at a gym. However, the film was never made, and Shetty was neither cast nor reimbursed.

In his complaint, the actor claims that Nandakishore has also been harassing him by refusing to return the money. Shetty approached the Film Chamber, urging the industry body to take action against what he describes as a case of financial exploitation and intimidation. BMB

Woman sexually harassed by group of men on road

A young woman was allegedly sexually harassed by a gang of intoxicated youths on Sunday near Renuka Yallamma Barangay, close to Mylasandra in Anekal. The incident took place around 4 pm when the woman was on her way to a store to buy groceries.

According to sources, five to six youths, reportedly under the influence of ganja and alcohol, blocked the woman's path, touched her inappropriately, and physically assaulted her when she resisted. A local youth who witnessed the commotion helped the victim take shelter in a nearby house.

The gang, however, continued to hurl obscene abuses at her before fleeing. The act was captured on video, but despite visual evidence, the police allegedly delayed a complaint. The woman approached Bannerghatta police station, but her complaint was not immediately taken. Following a media report that highlighted the police's inaction, an FIR was registered. BMB

Kidnap case: Dog squad to rescue

A swift response by the Jnanabharathi police and the dog squad led to the rescue of a five-year-old girl who was kidnapped from Visvesvaraya Layout on June 21. The child, daughter of Siddappa and Veeramma, originally from Raichur and currently residing in Bengaluru—had gone missing while playing near her home. Within 24 hours, the police traced and arrested the accused, Basamma and Sulochana, who had taken the girl to Sindhanur.

The police investigation was initially hampered as BESCOM's power maintenance work had kept CCTV cameras inoperative throughout the day. Then the police turned to a dog squad for assistance. The sniffer dog picked up the scent from the child's clothes and led investigators to the home of Basamma, located about half a km away. Basamma, also a native of Raichur and known to the child's family, was immediately detained. BMB

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Dishonoured cheque: Premature complaint no excuse

The Karnataka High Court has ruled that individuals who issue cheques cannot avoid prosecution by claiming that a complaint was filed prematurely before the 15-day statutory period under Section 138(c) of Negotiable Instruments Act.

Justice Shivashankar Amarannavar stated "Drawer of the cheque cannot be allowed to escape from prosecution merely on a technical count that a premature complaint was filed against him before expiry of the statutory period of 15 days as per the mandate of Section 138(c) of N.I. Act. Such drawer of the cheque is liable to be prosecuted in a second successive complaint filed on the same facts by the holder of the cheque. The drawer of the cheque would not be absolved from penal consequences of dishonouring of cheque issued by him/her."

Arumugam challenged the Sessions court's decision in the high court, which had upheld his conviction by the magistrate court under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.

In his revision petition, Arumugam, who was convicted by the trial court, argued that the complainant issued a demand notice on December 30, 2015, which he received on January 1, 2016. The complaint was filed before the magistrate court on January 13, 2016, before the cause of action had accrued.

The court observed that Section 138(c) stipulates an offence occurs only if payment isn't made within 15 days of receiving notice. Section 142(b) allows filing a complaint within one month from when the cause of action arises. **BMB**

Get to the root of the matter

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I am requesting KR Puram MLA Byrathi Basavaraj to direct the BBMP engineers to fix this problem," said N Nagesh, president of KR Puram Auto Drivers' Association.

Nagesh said the authorities have to take measures to remove the peepal trees on the retaining walls (both sides) of the cable bridge. "I found a well-grown peepal tree on the retaining wall of the cable bridge opposite KR Puram Railway Station," Nagesh said.

Expressing concern over the negligence of the authorities to maintain the cable bridge, Balaji Raghotham, an environmentalist, said that he had complained to the BBMP engineer about the peepal trees on the cable bridge but nothing has been done to remove them.

"The BBMP engineer must get the peepal trees from the roots instead of cutting or trimming its branches. The retaining walls of the cable bridge have already developed cracks. It will be prudent to remove those trees from the bridge before any tragedy takes place," said Rathotham.

Bangalore Mirror had published a story – Iconic hanging bridge under 'peepal threat' – on May 15, 2024, narrating how citizens want the authorities to take urgent remediation as structural integrity hangs in balance.

The BBMP had taken up construction of footpaths on both sides of the road on the hanging bridge and asphalting the road at an estimated cost of Rs 11.39 crore in May 2023 but the authorities did not take measures to remove the trees that are posing danger to the stability of the bridge.

BBMP Assistant Executive Engineer (Major Roads) and the KR Puram MLA were not available for comments.

Thousands of helmet rule violations booked each week

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The real challenge is when people spot us from a distance and take a U-turn or speed away, sometimes risking accidents. Some also claim they don't have money to pay fines. These are all minor issues. We don't usually face any major challenges."

While traffic enforcement teams are tasked with ensuring public safety, they often face stiff resistance especially from politically connected individuals or those who falsely claim such ties to intimidate officers. In this case, Naveen allegedly used his supposed party position to pressure officials into backing off. However, the police stood firm, stating that action will be taken against anyone, regardless of status, for obstructing lawful duty.

Past confrontations

In another incident that took place in February, a man was booked after blocking traffic on a busy Bengaluru road to argue with a female traffic police officer. A video of the incident showed him halting his SUV in the middle of the road, leading to a major traffic jam.

On March 17, a routine drink-and-drive checkpoint in Mahadevapura turned violent when a man and his female companion allegedly assaulted a traffic police inspector after their vehicle was seized. The man was found to have a blood alcohol level of 133 mg/100 ml, well above the legal limit. As per procedure, police confiscated his bike and directed him to obtain a release order from the court. Rakesh reportedly demanded the immediate return of his vehicle. When officers refused, his companion Baisakhi allegedly launched into a verbal tirade against the inspector that lasted nearly 30 minutes. She then struck Inspector Anitha on the right hand and attempted to kick her, forcing the officer to push her away in self-defence.

Common violation

Data from the Traffic Police Department shows thousands of helmet rule violations are booked every week. Despite repeated awareness drives and fines, the public's reluctance to follow basic road safety rules continues to be a challenge.

"Everyone should follow traffic rules. I don't understand why people get frustrated when we enforce the law after they've clearly violated it," said DCP West traffic Anitha B Haddannavar. "It often stems from arrogance; some believe they are powerful in some way or think we're overstepping our authority. But the rules apply to everyone." Haddannavar added that people often give excuses that are not valid.

"They'll say they're coming from or going to the hospital, or that they just finished an exam. While a few cases are genuine, many are simply making baseless excuses."

Most times though the excuses do not work. As Naveen who allegedly told the cops, 'You can collect a fine but cannot book a case' has come to know now with a case being booked against him under Section 132 of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS), which deals with obstructing a public servant in the discharge of their functions.

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NO CHILD'S PLAY

What can you do if you don't like your child's friends?

Many parents will be familiar with this situation: your child has a good or even best friend, but you don't like them.

Perhaps the friend is bossy, has poor manners or jumps on your furniture. Maybe you don't like the way your child behaves when they are with this friend.

For older children, your dislike might relate to the friend's language, attitude towards school, or risk-taking behaviours. Maybe the friend is hot and cold and elicits more drama than Mean Girls.

What can parents do?

You will have a protective instinct

If you see your child being treated poorly, this can ignite a protective instinct in parents that manifests in a bodily "fight or flight" response.

This provides a rush of adrenaline, which can spur parents to take actions such as criticising the friend or even attempting to ban the friendship.

However, this approach can do more harm than good, particularly for adolescents who are hardwired to push back on their parents.

Change your approach for older kids

To become successful adults, teens need to move through developmental milestones of becoming autonomous and self-reliant. Intervening in their friendships interferes with this vital process of developing independence and identity, which ultimately disempowers them.

In the 1960s, US psychologist Diana Baumrind published famous research on parenting. She found an authoritarian style – where the parent exerts complete control and does not listen to the child's needs – results in a child with less confidence and independence than one brought up in a household that has rules but is also responsive to their needs.

Adopting an authoritarian approach to friends or potential partners also risks the "Romeo and Juliet" effect, whereby disapproval makes the child more attracted to that person.

So, for teenagers and their friends, the approach should be more nuanced. The primary goal is to encourage the child to see the parent as a person to come to when they have problems. If parents are tempted to be critical, they could ask themself: is it in the best interests of your child to be controlled?

It is important to let children make mistakes so they can learn from them. Learning about what they do and don't want in relationships is a crucial life skill.

How can you talk about friendship?

Fostering an open dialogue about friends and relationships can allow parents to have influence in a subtle and developmentally appropriate way.

For younger children, you could use a quiet moment to ask questions like "what can you say to Charlotte if you don't want to play her game anymore?" or "what's a good way to deal with it if she is being too bossy?"

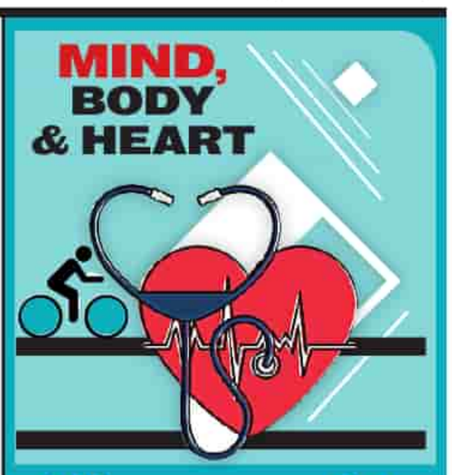
For older children, ideally wait until your teen wants to connect, rather than launching into questions. Ask gentle, non-judgmental questions about their friendship, like "what do you like to do together?" or "tell me about what you have in common".

If they seem upset or uncomfortable in some way, resist the urge to dismiss or solve the problem. Simply listening is the key to helping the child work it out, so they feel supported but not judged.

And remember, not all friendships last. As children move through school and grow, most will naturally make new friends and move on from old ones.

Clearly, one exception to adopting a teen-led approach is when safety is at risk. If they are being bullied or abused in any form – even if the child is opposed – parents should step in and speak to the school or other relevant authorities.

(By Rachael Murrihy, University of Technology Sydney, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Oils for thick hair

1. Coconut Oil
A go-to in every Indian household, coconut oil nourishes the scalp, strengthens roots, and helps reduce protein loss. Massage it warm into your scalp for deep hydration and stronger, longer hair over time.

2. Castor Oil
Rich in ricinoleic acid, castor oil boosts blood circulation to the scalp, supports healthy hair growth, and adds volume. It's thick, so mix it with a lighter oil like coconut or almond for easier application.

3. Argan Oil
Also known as liquid gold, argan oil is full of vitamin E and antioxidants. It tames frizz, protects against breakage, and gives your strands that soft, glossy finish while supporting healthy growth.

4. Bhringraj Oil
An Ayurvedic staple, bhringraj oil is said to revive dormant hair follicles, slow down hair fall, and help with thicker hair over time. A relaxing head massage with it can also ease stress — a win-win!

5. Onion Oil
It might smell intense, but onion oil is a hero for regrowth. Rich in sulphur, it helps reduce breakage, improve volume, and even reduce dandruff — a must-try if you're aiming for thicker, longer locks.

6. Almond Oil
Almond oil is light, sweet-smelling, and full of magnesium, which supports hair strength and length. Use it regularly for shinier hair and reduced split ends. Bonus: it's gentle enough for daily use.

7. Rosemary Oil
This essential oil is known to stimulate circulation and promote hair growth. Add a few drops to your carrier oil or shampoo to help reduce thinning and support thicker hair over time.

8. Amla Oil
Made from Indian gooseberries, amla oil is rich in vitamin C and antioxidants. It helps reduce greying, strengthens the roots, and gives your hair that healthy bounce and body. — **Femina**

MIRRORLIGHTS

How easily one sits, rises from floor may predict death risk among middle-, old-aged: Study

A test that checks how easily one sits on and rises from the floor could predict risk of death among middle-aged and older adults, according to a study.

The 'sitting-rising test' -- a non-aerobic fitness assessment of muscle strength, flexibility, balance, and body composition -- could add relevant clinical and predictive information to routine examinations of healthy and unhealthy individuals, researchers said.

The team, including researchers from Exercise Medicine Clinic-CLINIMEX, Brazil, scored nearly 4,300 adults, aged 46-75 and who performed the test, from zero to five -- one point was deducted from five for each time a support of hand or knee was used, and 0.5 for an unsteadiness in movements.

Over a typical follow-up period of 12 years, during which there were 665 deaths, the study, published in the European Journal of Preventive Cardiology, found a "continuous trend for higher mortality with low SRT (sitting-rising test) scores".

Death rates of those with lowest scores were found to be 42 per cent, and those with highest sitting-rising scores 3.7 per cent.

Comparing the two groups, the one with lowest scores were analysed to be at an almost a 300 per cent higher chance of death due to natural cause and 500 per cent higher chance of death due to cardiovascular reasons.

"Non-aerobic physical fitness, as assessed by SRT (sitting-rising test), was a significant predictor of natural and (cardiovascular)

mortality in 46–75-year-old participants," the authors wrote.

They added, "death rates were 3.7 per cent for those having (a test) score of 10, tripled for 11.1 per cent with a score of 8 and dramatically increased by 42.1 per cent in the 10 per cent of participants with the lowest score (0–4)."

While studies have measured non-aerobic fitness for predicting health outcomes, typically one component is tested in isolation or multiple tests are used to assess the main components of non-aerobic fitness, the researchers said.

Further, some of these tests depicted situations not part of everyday life, including the five times or 30-second sit-and-stand (as fast as possible) or hitting maximum push-ups with a metronome set at 80 beats a minute, they added.

In the last 25 years, the sitting-rising test has been applied in varied settings across diverse sections of society -- children, adolescents, and adults -- and is possibly the simplest, most complete non-aerobic fitness tool to assess all of its components together, the authors said. —PTI

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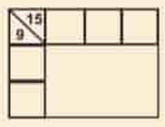
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

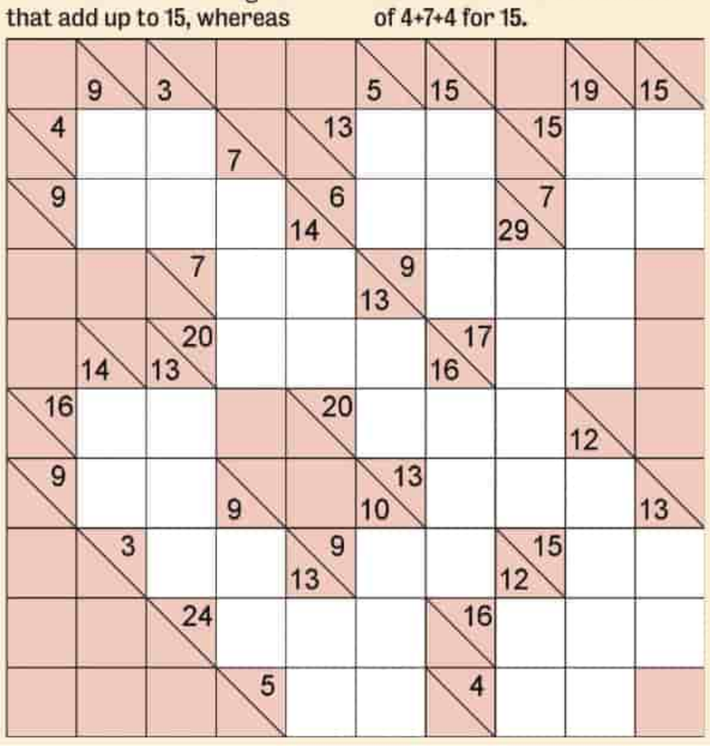
$(\sqrt{31}+(\sqrt{22}+(\sqrt{5}+(\sqrt{16}))))$ = ?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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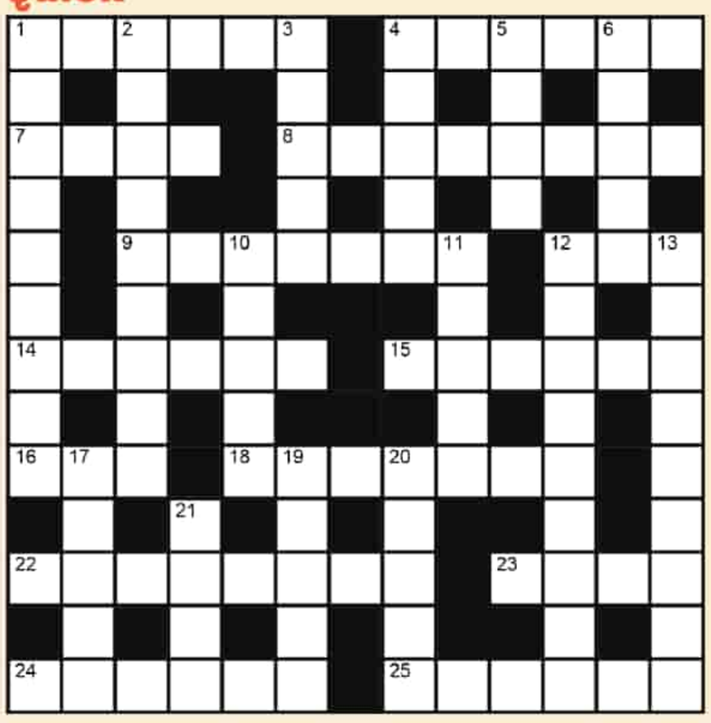


ACROSS

1 Magnificent (6)
4 Ravenous or insatiable (6)
7 Pore over (4)
8 Entails (8)
9 One of Malleshwaram's main streets (7)
12 Regal initials (3)
14 The reverse of "add on to"? (6)
15 Pungent bulb (6)
16 Plastic type (3)
18 An edible red stalk (7)
22 Outdoors (8)
23 Alright (4)
24 Last Grand Slam tournament of the calendar year (2,4)
25 Inclined head (6)

DOWN

1 Gathered in small portions by laborious efforts (7,2)
2 Realistic (9)
3 Creature (5)
4 Contributes (5)
5 Building wings (4)
6 Dull, gloomy and cheerless (5)
10 Happen again (5)
11 Ethiopian capital Addis ___ (5)
12 Not well thought out (4-5)
13 Banal or overused (9)
17 Units of electric potential (5)
19 Is wearing, in a way? (3,2)
20 Inflated (5)
21 To let fall (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: M EQUALS Y

LKOZ YFJFJDFY, TUBF MTK'YF TNFY ZWF WRAA MTK DFCRU ZT ERBQ KE OEFFS.

Linemaro

You are the cutest zombie I've ever seen

Mindchow

When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad. And that's my religion

Joke of the day

I don't have to walk my dog anymore... I walked him all at once

Loop

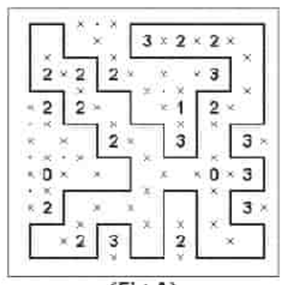
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

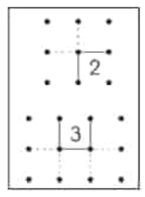
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

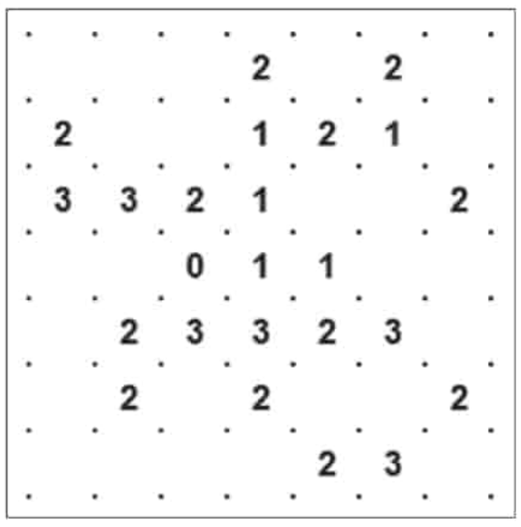
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



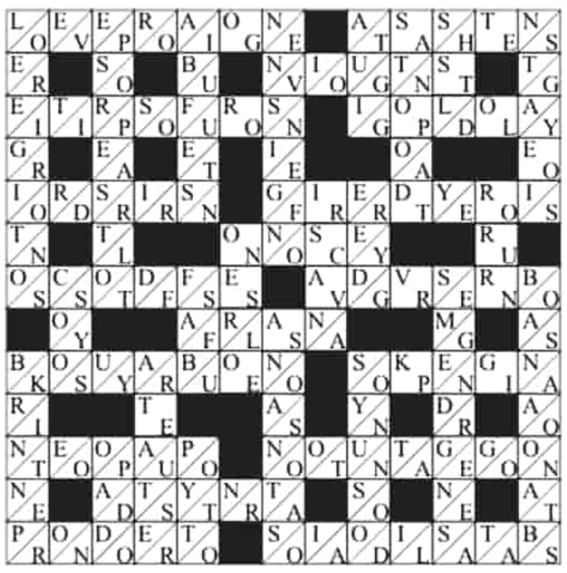
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9			D	

ACROSS

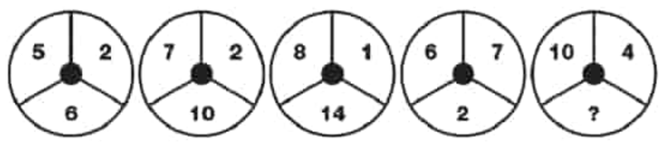
1 Blues; 6 Olio V;
7 Laura; 8 N lock;
9 Haydn

DOWN

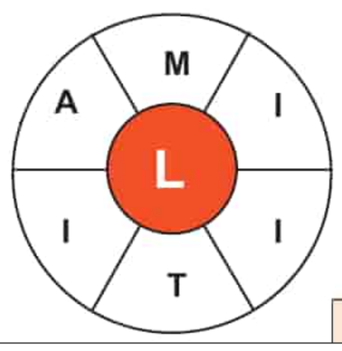
1 A loch; 2 A luv U;
3 No orb; 4 A lend;
5 Li sky

Mensapuzzle

What is missing from the last circle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; **05** Good; **06** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		8		2		9		
6	5						7	8
	1		8		5		4	
9			1	8	4			5
1			9	3	6			4
	9		3		8		2	
5	7						6	9
		6		9		4		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 2
3 5 5 9

Medium = 30
4 5 5 9

Hard = 17
1 2 3 7

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

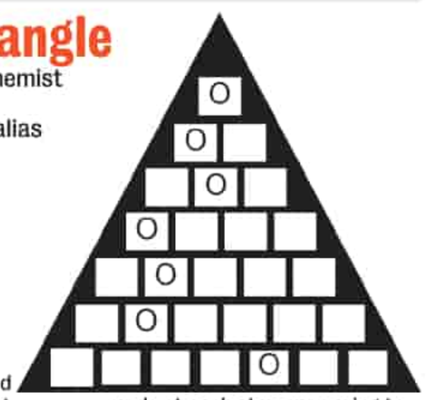
Differences: 1. Sign is larger. 2. Pickax is turned around. 3. Pocket is missing from backpack. 4. Cloud is higher. 5. Bottom of shirt is different. 6. Snow is missing from mountain peak.

Riddler

Complete the words below using three consecutive letters in alphabetical order, e.g. _ _ A _ U S; add A B and C it would become ABACUS.

Alpha triangle

1 Oxygen for the chemist
2 Not off
3 _ the plume : an alias
4 Mideast nation
5 Wanderer
6 Realm
7 Precious stone



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

I CAN'T HIT A SWAB THAT'S INVISIBLE IN THE MIDDLE!
YOU AIN'T COMPLETE!
?
I HAS TA FIGHT! I NEEDS THE EXERCISE TA GIT VISIBLE!
OKAY, IF IT WILL MAKE YOU HAPPY!
SPLAT!
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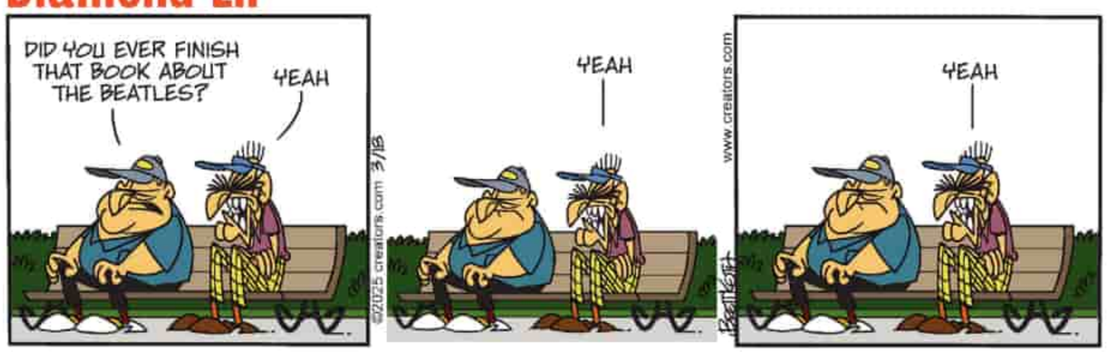
Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil



Hart of the city

THIS IS NEW.
OH, YEAH, THEY CHANGED THE HALL PASS RULES.
BEEP!
THE TIME STARTS THE SECOND YOU LEAVE THIS ROOM, AND YOU'VE GOT SEVEN MINUTES TO GET WHEREVER YOU NEED TO GO AND BACK.
IF A HALL MONITOR CATCHES YOU WITH AN EXPIRED HALL PASS, YOU GET DETENTION.
GODSPEED.
BUT THE THEATER IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SCHOOL!
-6:59

Crankshaft

'WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I HAD A SUPERMAN COLORING BOOK... WHICH I SAW WAS PRINTED BY THE SAALFIELD PUBLISHING COMPANY...'
SUPERMAN
'THE COMPANY WAS LOCATED IN MY HOMETOWN OF AKRON... AND WHEN WE WOULD DRIVE BY THE BUILDING...'
SAALFIELD PUBLISHING
I WOULD LOOK AT THAT MYSTERIOUS PLACE AND WONDER IF THAT WAS WHERE I NEEDED TO GO TO BECOME A CARTOONIST.
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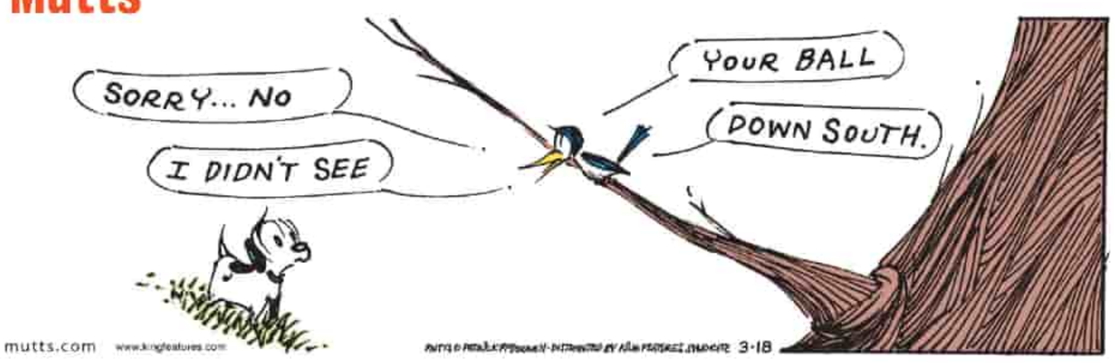
Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may find yourself in a hurry—drive carefully and stay cautious. However, blessings from elders may help you come out of any difficult situations. Romance is likely to blossom, bringing harmony to your domestic life. New partnerships may yield positive results. Lovebirds will enjoy quality time together.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Your subordinates may be cooperative today, helping you complete pending tasks. You might attend a social event, boosting your network and benefitting your personal or professional life. An outing with friends is likely. Past disputes may be resolved. Students should avoid negligence in their studies.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Your communication skills will serve you well on the professional front. Politeness will work in your favour, accelerating project progress. Couples may strengthen their bond through heartfelt conversations, laying the foundation for a stable relationship.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You're blessed by the Moon today. New partnerships may prove profitable. High energy levels and dedication could bring financial gains. Your sense of self-respect will shield you from negativity. It's a good day to push forward with confidence.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
A sense of dullness and dissatisfaction may affect your mood today. Avoid harsh words, especially with loved ones. Your efforts might not bring immediate results. Trust your intuition, and exercise patience before making any significant decisions.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
New income sources may open up. Profits from past investments could boost your financial position. You may connect with a social organisation, expanding your network. Singles might find a potential life partner.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Elders' blessings may boost your confidence today. Trusting your intuition could lead to financial gains and professional success. A visit to a religious site with family is possible. To maintain domestic harmony, keep your arrogance in check. Students may see positive results supported by fate.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Quick financial gains may boost both your confidence and bank balance. However, avoid stress in domestic matters. Things will move forward smoothly at work. Your reputation may improve, and you might consider planning an overseas trip.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Things may feel off today. Low energy and a sense of fear or uncertainty may bother you. A sudden interest in occult or spiritual matters may arise. Confidence could waver, impacting your work. Avoid speeding or engaging in risky adventures.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
The Moon brings positivity today. Love will flourish in your personal life—singles may meet someone special. Professional performance will be strong, and you can expect support from friends and coworkers.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You'll strike a good balance between income and expenses, improving your financial health. Your job performance will likely be strong, and you might receive new responsibilities or a promotion. Expect recovery of previously stuck money. You'll have the upper hand over opponents and hidden rivals.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
You may feel low due to a lack of sleep, leading to scattered thoughts and decreased productivity. A visit to a spiritual or religious place may bring peace. In the evening, elder support could help you reflect on your actions and create a better plan for tomorrow. Take care of your parents' health today.

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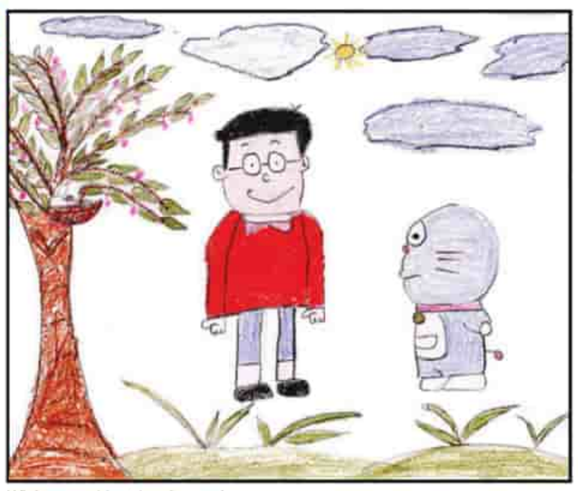

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
(√31+(√22+(√5+4)))
(√31+(√22+3))
(√31+5)
= 6

BULL'S EYE
lima, limit, mail, malt, MILLTIA, tail

STRIKE OUT

O	V	E	R	A	G	E	■	A	S	H	E	S	■	T
R	S	■	B	■	N	O	U	N	S	■	T	■	■	■
E	■	A	S	T	R	A	■	O	■	E	■	A	■	■
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O	V	E	R	A	G	E	■	A	S	H	E	S	■	■

FAST FIVE

L	U	B	E	S
O	V	O	L	I
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H	A	N	D	Y

RIDDLER
1. Cudgel,
2. Snoopy,
3. Robust

QUICK

S	U	P	E	R	B	■	G	R	E	E	D	Y	■	■
C	■	R	■	E	■	I	■	L	■	R	■	■	■	■
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MENSA PUZZLE
12. In each circle, the number in the lower segment equals twice the difference between the numbers in the left and right hand segments.

QUOTE UNCODE
Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.

SUDOKU

7	4	8	6	2	3	9	5	1
6	5	2	4	1	9	3	7	8
3	1	9	8	7	5	6	4	2
9	6	7	1	8	4	2	3	5
8	3	4	7	5	2	1	9	6
1	2	5	9	3	6	7	8	4
4	9	1	3	6	8	5	2	7
5	7	3	2	4	1	8	6	9
2	8	6	5	9	7	4	1	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE
0, On, Norn, Oman, Nomad, Domain, Diamond.

GO FIGURE
3 - 5 + 9 - 5 = 2
Easy
5 x 5 - 4 + 9 = 30
Medium
7 x 2 x 1 + 3 = 17
Hard

LOOP

KAKURO

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 # Narc arrest
Tamil actor Srikanth was arrested by Chennai police on Monday after narcotics test revealed substance abuse

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
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Ajay Rao on a roll

Actor Ajay Rao, who is overjoyed with the success of his recent movie Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2, is set to play the lead in an yet-to-be titled movie. Its muhurat function was held at Sri Bande Mahakali Temple. Director Yogaraj Bhat sounded the clap board. Kiran debuts as a producer in Sandalwood by bankrolling the movie under the PK Productions banner. SK Bahubali, who handled the megaphone for Kannada movies Nan Magale Heroine and MRP, is the director for this movie. "This movie is a family thriller. I wrote the script for this movie inspired by an incident. I decided to get Ajay Rao as the hero for this movie while writing the script and he agreed readily after I narrated the script to him. The lead character has four to five shades, including one which requires him to go bald. We roped in a wigmaker from Mumbai for this purpose," said Bahubali.

Rao said that the the movie is about a young man, who faces problems while pursuing the goal of physical fitness.

Now it is official

The team of Avanira-bekittu has confirmed that the film is set to arrive in theatres on June 27 across the state. The movie, based on a real incident in Bengaluru, is directed by debutant director Ashok Samrat. The movie's shooting was wrapped up in January 2024 and was supposed to hit the silver screen in March 2024 but got postponed due to the delay in completing the post-production works.

"I have been associated with Sandalwood for more than 16 years. I worked as associate director for Kannada movie Ee Sambhashane that was released in 2009. I have also worked for tele serials directed by Nagathihalli Chandrashekhar," said Samrat. The director said Avanira-bekittu is about lost identity. "An incident in my life motivated me to write the script for this movie. Most of the actors are newcomers. I am very happy with their acting skills," the director said.

He said the movie has suspense and semi-thriller elements. "The movie has turned out well. I am optimistic about the movie's success at the box office," he said..

The movie has Bharath and Sowmya John as the lead pair.

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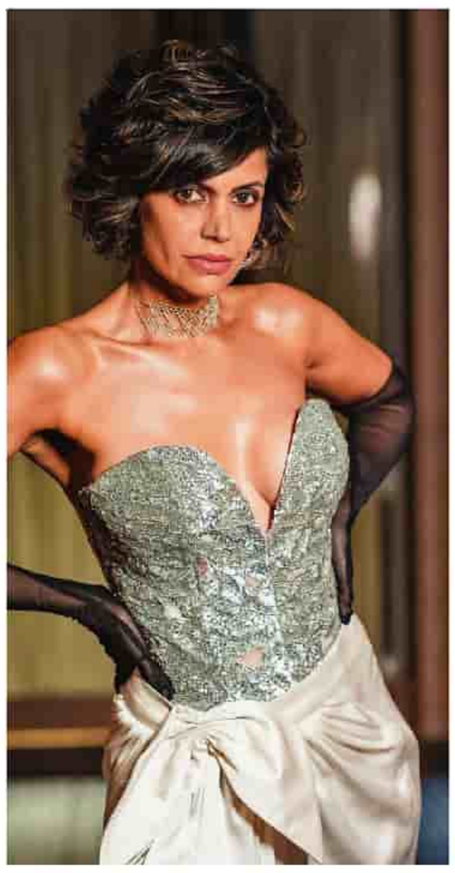
Actresses who chose adoption and redefined motherhood



Mandira Bedi: Courageous Journey After Personal Loss

Mandira Bedi, already a mother to a biological son, adopted a four-year-old girl named Tara in 2020. She shared how her family always wanted to welcome a daughter and how Tara instantly became an integral part of their lives. Mandira's story became even more inspiring as she continued to champion motherhood and resilience after the sudden loss of her husband, Raj Kaushal, in 2021.

Sunny Leone: Embracing Parenthood Wholeheartedly

Sunny Leone and her husband, Daniel Weber, adopted their daughter Nisha Kaur Weber from an orphanage in Maharashtra in 2017. The couple later welcomed twin boys via surrogacy. Sunny has openly talked about how adoption was a natural, heartfelt choice for her and how Nisha has brought immense joy to their lives. Her story added a fresh perspective to the conversation around adoption in modern celebrity culture.

Raveena Tandon: A Mother Before Marriage

Raveena Tandon set an example when she adopted two young girls, Pooja and Chhaya, in the late 90s, when she was just 21 years old and at the peak of her career. She raised them as a single mother before she eventually married Anil Thadani. Raveena has always proudly spoken about her daughters, treating them no differently from her biological children and proving that motherhood transcends biological connections.

Sushmita Sen: A Trailblazer in Single Motherhood

Sushmita Sen is one of the most celebrated names when it comes to adoption in Bollywood. She adopted her first daughter, Renee, at the young age of 24, despite facing legal and societal challenges as a single woman. Later, she adopted her second daughter, Alisah. Sushmita's fearless decision to become a mother on her own terms has been widely applauded and has inspired many others to view adoption with pride and love.

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Parent first

Anushka Sharma, who tied the knot with cricketer Virat Kohli on December 11, 2017, in an intimate ceremony in Florence, Italy, has consciously taken a step back from the limelight since embracing motherhood. After the birth of their daughter Vamika on January 11, 2021, and more recently, their son Akaay on February 15, 2024, the actress has notably reduced her presence in both films and public events.

In a conversation with Vogue, Anushka spoke candidly about prioritising her role as a mother. She shared that while Virat's professional commitments demand year-round travel due to his cricketing career, her profession gives her the flexibility to decide when and how much she wants to work. "I'm the primary caregiver, especially during these early years. Being self-employed, I can space out my projects and take on fewer films," she explained.

Discussing how the couple approaches parenting, Anushka said they view responsibilities not through traditional roles of 'mum' and 'dad' but as a collective family effort. "Raising our children with a balanced mindset is key. It's about shared responsibilities—being present for our kids and nurturing them together," she said.

She also reflected on the importance of leading by example. "Children absorb everything. If they see both parents working, they'll understand the value of balance. We need to manage things more mindfully, yes—but it's doable. The environment you create at home matters," she added. Anushka is keen on instilling strong values in her children.

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PC walks into a trap

Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas, who is gearing up for the release of her upcoming title 'Heads of State', walked right into a trap set by her co-stars John Cena and Idris Elba on the first day of the shoot.

While the actress felt she was breaking the ice, she fell prey to a well-timed prank by her co-stars. Talking about the same, the actress said in a statement, "The first scene we were doing together, I literally went in just because I was like, I'll break the ice. I'll just go in and be like, I don't see you".

She further mentioned, "I think they were in on it or whatever when I went, and John and Idris were standing with each other. I was like, now I've offended him, he hates that. That's what Idris said. He's like, don't say that. He hates when people do that and then they were obviously taking the piss. So that cracked the ice".

The film is set against the backdrop of political chaos and globe-trotting danger, and marks the actress' return to action.

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